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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES CURBSIDE RECYCLING IS NEEDED NOW

Today, the City Council's Public Works committee advanced Bill 72 (2005), introduced by Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), to mandate by law that comprehensive curbside recycling start on Oahu no later than January 1, 2007.

"Oahu clearly has a trash problem, we have too much garbage and not enough places to put it. We have talked enough, the time has come to implement a comprehensive curbside recycling program," stated Councilmember Djou.

"Hawaii's natural environment is one of the best things about our community and recycling helps preserve our beautiful natural environment. Just as important, the city doesn't have very many options, given the lack of viable landfill space on Oahu. I am happy the City Council is moving to reverse the mayor's cancellation of comprehensive curbside recycling and mandate this worthy project by law start by the first of next year," stated Councilmember Djou.

Over the past three years, the City unsuccessfully tried to undertake a comprehensive curbside recycling program. Last year, the mayor cancelled curbside recycling. Councilmember Djou introduced Bill 72 in response to the mayor's cancellation. Djou's measure seeks to reverse the mayor's cancellation and mandate by law that the City undertakes comprehensive curbside recycling of recyclable materials beyond just green-waste.

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